

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 271

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the New Orleans Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, on the occasion of its ninetieth anniversary

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the New Orleans Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated,  
3 on the occasion of its ninetieth anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,  
5 Incorporated, was chartered in 1936 as the first Louisiana-based alumni chapter of the  
6 fraternity; the chapter was established by a group of accomplished professional men who  
7 were committed to the guiding principle of achievement in every field of human endeavor;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter quickly became a cornerstone of  
10 Kappa Alpha Psi in the United States Gulf South and brought together educators, physicians,  
11 ministers, attorneys, and business leaders who sought to extend the fraternity beyond college  
12 campuses and into the broader civic life of New Orleans; and

13 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter played a pivotal role in the expansion  
14 of Kappa Alpha Psi throughout Louisiana and the Southwestern Province; chapter members  
15 supported the establishment and development of several undergraduate and alumni chapters,  
16 which strengthened the reach of the fraternity in the New Orleans metropolitan area and  
17 beyond; the chapter also built close relationships with historically Black institutions in the  
18 city, including Dillard University and Xavier University of Louisiana, which allowed it to  
19 mentor generations of young men and support undergraduate chapters at those institutions;  
20 and

1           WHEREAS, New Orleans Alumni Chapter members were key figures in the  
2 establishment of numerous Kappa Alpha Psi undergraduate chapters, including the Beta  
3 Gamma Chapter at Dillard University, the Alpha Sigma Chapter at Southern University and  
4 A&M College, the Alpha Mu Chapter at Lincoln University of Missouri, the Beta Upsilon  
5 Chapter at Texas Southern University, and the Theta Eta Chapter at Florida State University;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter grew in both membership and  
8 influence throughout the mid-twentieth century, and members served in prominent  
9 leadership roles within the Southwestern Province and at the national level of the fraternity;  
10 the chapter hosted major provincial gatherings, including the Southwestern Province Council  
11 meetings in 1950, 1962, 1971, and 1980; the events reinforced the status of New Orleans as  
12 an important center for the fraternity and its activities; and

13           WHEREAS, one of the most significant milestones in the history of the New Orleans  
14 Alumni Chapter occurred in 1976, when it hosted the Sixtieth Grand Chapter Meeting of  
15 Kappa Alpha Psi; the national conclave brought more than one thousand six hundred  
16 delegates from across the country and set a new attendance record for the fraternity; the  
17 leadership of Polemarch Eddie J. Triggs and Convention Chairman Herbert Jackson allowed  
18 the chapter to organize one of the most memorable national gatherings of the fraternity; and

19           WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter hosted the Sixty-Fourth Southwestern  
20 Province Council in 2000 and the Seventy-Sixth Southwestern Province Council in 2012;  
21 these events reinforced the organizational strength of the chapter and its ongoing  
22 commitment to supporting the growth and governance of the fraternity; and

23           WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter has been recognized on numerous  
24 occasions for its outstanding service and leadership; it was named Alumni Chapter of the  
25 Year at the Twenty-Ninth Grand Chapter Meeting in 1939; chapter members have received  
26 numerous provincial and national honors, including lifetime achievement recognitions and  
27 distinguished service awards; and

28           WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter remains committed to service in the  
29 New Orleans community; members have contributed to educational initiatives, youth  
30 mentorship, civic leadership, and community development efforts across the city; the chapter

1 has also worked to support the development of future leaders by offering scholarships, youth  
2 programs, and partnerships with local institutions; and

3 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter hosted the Eighty-Second Grand  
4 Chapter Meeting of Kappa Alpha Psi in 2015; the chapter was recognized as the  
5 Southwestern Province Chapter of the Year in 2017, and in 2026, it was presented with the  
6 Alumni Social Media Award; and

7 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,  
8 Incorporated, remains one of the most historic and influential chapters in the Southwestern  
9 Province, and its members are deserving of recognition for upholding their commitment to  
10 achievement, brotherhood, and service.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the New Orleans Alumni Chapter of Kappa  
13 Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, on the occasion of its ninetieth anniversary and does  
14 hereby extend sincere wishes that the chapter and its members continue to prosper in all of  
15 their endeavors.

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